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SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2016 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 6: 1-2a. 3-8 Ps 138: 1-8 (1c) 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Lk 5: 1-11

“Here I am, Lord! Fill me, equip me, and send me.”

A commission is a special type of command. The person commissioning is not just ordering one task to be done; he or she is entrusting an entire project to another person. There's a lot of responsibility, but a lot of trust as well. It's an honor to receive a commission!

Today's first reading is focused on the commission that God gave to the prophet Isaiah. It began with a revelation of God's glory, which moved Isaiah to repentance. Repentance then brought a cleansing, and cleansing enabled him to hear and accept God's call. All of these ingredients—revelation, repentance, openness to God's call, and acceptance—are the foundation for every commission God gives to us.

Just before he ascended to heaven, Jesus gave his apostles—and all of us—something commonly referred to as the “Great Commission” (Matthew 28:16-20). He asks us to be involved in his mission of reaching the whole world with his message of mercy. Within your home, your parish, your school, at work, or in the market, God wants you to tell people the story of Jesus—by your words as well as by your personal witness. He wants you to make Jesus present. This challenge is costly because it asks us to go beyond our comfort zones. It calls for courage and strength, discipline and fortitude. Did Isaiah know how to witness when he said, “Here I am; send me”? Probably not. Did Peter and the other apostles know how to witness when Jesus told them to go out and evangelize the whole world? Hardly. So take heart—you're in excellent company!

Daily Readings

Feb 8 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ / Jerome Emiliani, priest, religious founder/ Josephine Bakhita, virgin

1 Kgs 8: 1-7. 9-13 Ps 132: 6-7. 8-10 Mk 6: 53-56

Feb 9 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Kgs 8: 22-23. 27-30 Ps 84: 3-5, 10, 11 Mk 7: 1-13

Feb 10 Wed: Ash Wednesday. Begin Lenten preparation for the Easter Triduum.

Jl 2: 12-18 Ps 51: 3-6. 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5: 20 -- 6:2 Matt 6: 1-6. 16-18

Feb 11 Thu: Thursday after Ash Wednesday/ Our Lady of Lourdes

Dt 30: 15-20 Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6 Lk 9: 22-25

Feb 12 Fri: Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58: 1-9a Ps 51: 3-4. 5-6ab. 18-19 Matt 9: 14-15

Feb 13 Sat: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58: 9b-14 Ps 86: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 Lk 5: 27-32

A GENTLE REMINDER

Petitions to Divine Mercy

All petitions to the Divine Mercy will be offered up on the last Saturday of every month during the 5pm Divine Mercy devotion. Please place your petitions in the Petition Box at the Divine Mercy mosaic inside the main church.

Helping Hands Needed

We need more hands to clean the church. Just come by every Saturday from 8:00am to 10am at the main Church. All are welcome!

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Parish Bulletin

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The Jubilee Year of Mercy Holy Door will be open from 7am to 9pm daily.

Mass & Prayer Times

Weekday

6:30am, 6:15pm

Saturday

6.30am, 5:30pm

Every 1st Saturday of the month

7.30pm Syro-Malaba Mass (Chapel)

Every 3rd Saturday of the month

7.30pm Tagalog Mass

Sunday

7am, 9am, 11.30am, 5.30pm

Confessions 15 min before Mass.

Public Holidays 8am only

Divine Mercy Devotion

Daily at 6.45pm (Chapel)

Saturday at 5.00pm (Main Church)

Prayer for Priests

Every Thurs 5.15pm followed by 6.15pm mass

Community & Pastoral Care

Divine Mercy Apostolate

Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC)

Prayer for the Sick & Dying

Funeral and Wake Services

Please contact the Parish Office or email secretariat@divinemercury.sg



Saints in Mercy

St Vincent de Paul The Apostle of Charity

We continue our Saints in Mercy series this week with St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent was born of poor parents in the village of Pouy in Gascony, France, about 1580. In 1597, he began his studies in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Toulouse. The atmosphere at the university was anything but pious or conducive to spiritual contemplation. Fights broke out between various factions of students which escalated into armed battles.

Find out more on page 2.

Fill Your Heart with Faces & Names!

“Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered his precious blood on the cross for that person. Appearances notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. Consequently, if I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!

- Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*

Reflection: Our lives are amazing gifts, especially when we give them to others. Think about one small but merciful action you can make today that could brighten someone's day. Fill your heart with faces and names!

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Saints in Mercy • St Vincent de Paul

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Nevertheless, he continued his studies and was able to help pay for his education by tutoring others. Vincent's interest in the priesthood at that time, was largely with the intent to establish a successful career and obtain a benefice, with which he could retire early and support the family.

In 1612, Vincent served as chaplain and tutor to the Gondi family. While preaching a mission to the peasants in the Gondi estates, Vincent was persuaded that he should direct his efforts to the poor. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley-slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians". These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. Vincent died in Paris on 27 September 1660.

In summary, if we take the side of those who are living in misery, then as Vincentians we cannot respond with true mercy to the needs of the men and women who are poor unless we first penetrate the mechanisms that produce poverty, marginalization and exclusion unless we attempt to make the "structures of sin" and the "evil mechanisms" a thing of the past. Let us leave open the door that leads to hope as in every previous era, there are countless men and women who are ministering and struggling in the Church in order to keep alive the spirit of Vincent de Paul.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP), a charitable organisation dedicated to the service of the poor, was established by French university students in 1833, led by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The Society is today present in 132 countries, including one in our parish. To find out more about our parish's SSVP visit: http://www.divinemeracy.sg/services/st_vincent.html

Ash Wednesday • 10 February 2016

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance.

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunar New Year Mass Schedule

8 Feb Mon 8am & 10am
9 Feb Tues 8am (Chapel)

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

10 Feb 6.30am, 1pm, 6.30pm, 8pm
Note that Ash Wednesday, which falls on the Third Day of Chinese New Year, is to be observed with fasting and abstinence.

Year of Mercy Mass • 12 Feb

7.00pm Chaplet
7.30pm Stations of the Cross
8.00pm Mass & Talk by Fr Eugene Lee
"Confessions: The Sacrament of Mercy"
No 6.15pm Mass.

Masses on 14 Feb

At the end of all Masses, there would be a brief adoration followed by healing prayer. All masses will be celebrated by Fr Thomas Bobby.

Lenten Parish Retreat

Let's Prepare Ourselves

Fr Thomas Bobby Emprayil, a Vincentian Priest from the Potta Team will give the parish retreat to help us prepare for Lent.

When 13 February, Saturday (Full-Day)
8.30am till 4.30 pm ending with the DMA Chaplet and Sunset Mass. All participants must register. Registration will be after Mass at the foyer this weekend.

Catechism Sessions

Catechism sessions for all levels will start on the weekend of 20/21 February. The 2016 Class Lists are available on our Parish website and on the Notice Board at Level 3.

If your name is not on the list, please contact Allyson Fong @ 92990997, Leonard Louis @ 81333078 or email catechism@divinemeracy.sg

Home Rosary Session

There will be no community Home Rosary this week. Prayer will resume on 15 February. For further information, please contact Susan Tan @ 9119-5909

Children of Praise

The Children of Praise welcomes anyone wanting to know and have your personal experience with the Holy Spirit to join in the Praise & Worship session.

When Every Thursday @ 8pm
Where Parish Hall Level 2

Retreat by The Bible Apostolate

Consoling the Heart of Jesus by Fr Michael Gaitley

When Every Wednesday (17 Feb - 20 April)
(10 sessions) from 8pm to 9.45pm

Where Parish Hall, Level 3
Registration at the foyer. Contact Jenny Krishnamoorthy at 96792415 or email jennykrishnamoorthy15@gmail.com

Bookshop Closed

The bookshop will be closed on 6/7 Feb and 13/14 Feb.

Pilgrimage to Spain • Portugal • France | 25 May - 9 Jun 2016

Kindly confirm your bookings with Raymond at 91807887 or Julia at 91474938

Milestones: Stages of Life in the Light of Meditation

When 12-13 Mar, 9am-5pm
Where Catholic Junior College, \$80.00
Childhood, adulthood, old age, and death are stages of life we all pass through. Fr Laurence will discuss how meditation can help us experience these milestones as stages of maturing in Christian faith. Fr Laurence Freeman OSB is a Benedictine monk and Director of The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM). **For more information & registration:** www.gevme.com/milestones
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Congratulations

Congratulations to the parents and godparents whose infants are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 7 January 2016, 11:30am.